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SUBJECT: MEDIA COVERAGE: SALZBURG STOPOVER: PRESIDENT NIXON

JUNE 12 COVERAGE

1. DR. KISSINGER'S THREAT TO RESIGN HEAVILY COVERED BY AUSTRIAN MEDIA, ECLIPSING OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, RADIO, TV REPORTED AT LENGTH LAST NIGHT, SO DID RADIO AGAIN THIS MORNING. RADIO, TV BROADCAST SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH PIERRE SALINGER WHO SPOKE OF QUOTE MOST EXTRAORDINARY PRESS CONFERENCE THAT I'VE EVER SEEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL HOLD UNQUOTE. ORF CHIEF EDITOR ALFONS DALMA ADDED QUOTE EVERYBODY HERE IS RACKING HIS BRAIN WHY KISSINGER MADE THIS MOVE PRECISELY IN SALZBURG DURING STOPOVER IN COURSE OF PRESIDENT'S TRIP ABROAD. ONLY EXPLANATION COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE IS THAT HE WANTED TO DRAMATIZE MATTER THIS WAY UNQUOTE. NO PRESS COMMENT WRITTEN IN AUSTRIA YET, BUT WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MARLENE MANTHEY OF INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE POINTED TO OPINION OF WASHINGTON OBSERVERS THAT KISSINGER'S THREAT TO RESIGN SHOWS HOW ANTI-NIXON CAMPAIGN HAS TOUCHED OFF QUOTE WAR AGAINST KISSINGER UNQUOTE TOO.

2. MASS CIRCULATION TABLOID KRONEN ZEITUNG EDITORIALIZED

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ON QUOTE VACATION FROM WATERGATE UNQUOTE STRESSED TWO

POINTS; (A) MOSCOW NO LONGER HAS INFLUENCE MONOPOLY IN CAIRO, DAMASCUS; (B) A U.S. PRESIDENT IS ABLE VISIT ARAB CAPITALS, JERUSALEM DURING SAME JOURNEY. COMMUNIST VOLKSSTIMME MAINTAINED EDITORIALY NIXON WILL USE HIS MID-EAST TRIP TO GET THE BETTER OF EEC COMPETING WITH US FOR ARAB OIL. ABUNDANT SPECIAL REPORTS IN AUSTRIAN PRESS ON STOPOVER. SOCIALIST ARBEITER ZEITUNG HEADLINED QUOTE NIXON EXUDES CONFIDENCE UNQUOTE, UNDERLINED PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN KREISKY'S OPINIONS. SAME PAPER CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH PIERRE SALINGER WHO, THOUGH PREDICTING IMPEACHMENT, ALSO SAID QUOTE NIXON IS STILL PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES AND MUST ACT AS SUCH. NO MATTER WHAT WE THINK OF HIM, ALL THOSE WHO ARE FOR THE DETENTE STARTED BY KENNEDY MUST APPROVE OF DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER NIXON AND KISSINGER UNQUOTE. SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG TOP-HEADLINED KREISKY'S OPTIMISM AFTER TALK WITH PRESIDENT. A DIE PRESSE REPORTER CALLED KISSINGER QUOTE THE STORM-MAKER OF KLESHEIM UNQUOTE AND CONTRASTED HIS QUOTE SENSATIONALLY VIOLENT SELF-DEFENSE ACTION UNQUOTE WITH HIS CALM BEHAVIOR AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN BAD REICHENHALL AFTER MEETING WITH GENSCHER.

3. PRESIDENT'S INVITATION FOR KREISKY TO VISIT U.S COVERED BY MOST PAPERS, BUT GETTING LESS PLAY THAN KISSINGER'S MOVE ARNOLD

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